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	iii	The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 16-0605. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) — (\$790.00 large entity; \$395.00 small entity) ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) ☐ Other Check in the amount of \$ enclosed
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